

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Francisco Bay Region
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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION, OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT, AND PUBLIC HEARING
FOR DISCHARGE PERMIT AND
RESCISSION OF CEASE AND DESIST ORDER**

**Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District,
Treatment Plant at 22675 8th Street East,
Sonoma, Sonoma County**

This is a second public notice concerning this matter. The Board's staff has revised the tentative permit first distributed in December 2013 by adding effluent limitations for ammonia, and making other less significant revisions throughout. Board staff is now inviting review of this second tentative permit. An interested party must resubmit comments it had sent on the first tentative permit if the revisions have not addressed its concerns, and may submit new comments on other aspects of the second tentative permit.

The above discharger filed an application for reissuance of a permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System. The Board staff prepared the tentative permit in accordance with the Federal Clean Water Act and the California Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. Also, the tentative permit would rescind an existing cease and desist order because the discharger would be able to comply with new limits proposed in the tentative permit.

The discharger owns and operates a wastewater treatment plant that treats about 3 million gallons per day of domestic wastewater from Sonoma and surrounding areas. The treated wastewater is used to irrigate grape vines or is discharged to Schell Sough during the winter when agricultural demand is low. Treated wastewater is also used to maintain freshwater wetland habitat in the summer and to dilute bittern from a former salt production pond.

The deadline for receipt of comment on the tentative permit is 5:00 p.m. on March 25, 2014.

Comments must be sent to the **attention of Vincent Christian**. Persons wishing to file written comments on or objections to the tentative permit or other aspects of this matter must do so no later than this deadline so that such comments may be considered.

The Board intends to consider adopting the tentative permit during a meeting to commence at 9:00 a.m. on **May 14, 2014**, in the Auditorium of the Elihu Harris State Building at 1515 Clay Street in Oakland. Interested persons are invited to attend and express their views at the public hearing.

Pursuant to section 2050(c) of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, any party that challenges the Board's action on this matter through a petition to the State Water Resources Control Board under Water Code section 13320 will be limited to raising only those substantive issues or objections that were raised before the Board at the public hearing or in timely submitted written correspondence.

All documents related to the tentative permit may be inspected and copied at the Board office. The tentative permit, fact sheet, and any additional information and developments on this matter are also available at www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay. Board staff's responses to comments will be posted on that website one week prior to the hearing. Contact **Vincent Christian** at (510) 622-2336, or by e-mail at vchristian@waterboards.ca.gov, if you have any questions.